

A meeting of the **Troy Youth Council (TYC)** was held on Wednesday, December 17, 2003 at 7:00 PM at the Community Center (Room 503), 3179 Livernois Road. Eric Gregory called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Emily Burns
Allister Chang
Chris Cheng
Min Chong
Monika Govindaraj
Eric Gregory
Catherine Herzog (arrived 7:06 PM)
Maniesh Joshi
Andrew Kalinowski
Matthew Michrina
Manessa Shaw
YuJing Wang

MEMBERS ABSENT: Juliana D'Amico (excused)
Raymond Deng
Christina Krokosky (excused)
David Vennettilli (excused)

ALSO PRESENT: Laura Fitzpatrick, Assistant to the City Manager

1. **Roll Call**
2. **Approval of Minutes**

Resolution # TY-2003-12- 014

Moved by Chong
Seconded by Cheng

RESOLVED, That the minutes of 11/12/03 be approved.

Yes: All – 12
No: None
Absent: D'Amico, Deng, Krokosky, Vennettilli
MOTION CARRIED

3. **Attendance Report:** Noted and Filed
This meeting: 12 present, 4 absent – 3 gave prior notification.
4. **Motion to Excuse Absent Members**

Resolution # TY-2003-12- 015

Moved by Kalinowski
Seconded by Wang

RESOLVED, That D'Amico, Krokosky, and Vennettilli.

Yes: All – 12

No: None
Absent: D'Amico, Deng, Krokosky, Vennettilli
MOTION CARRIED

5. **Civic Center Priority Task Force:** Report from Shaw & Herzog: Presentation will be made to City Council in February, date TBA. The CCPTF is requesting that an ongoing task force be established.
6. **2004 Michigan Youth Symposium:** to be held near Grand Rapids this year – too far away for participation by Troy.
7. **The World Café Forum:** Community dialogue event sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce; Thursday 12/18/03 6-9 PM @ the Community Center. Govindaraj and Gregory plan to attend part of it.

8. Plans for 2004:

Review Accomplishments from first 18 months

TYC Accomplishments 2002-2003

(Since inception of TYC on 5/02 – 18 months)

Reports

- Youth Leisure Time re: Spring 2000 Survey
- General Comments re: Civic Center Site
- Reduce Size of TYC
- Request to have Monthly Meetings Televised
- Input re: Boys and Girls Club of Troy New Facility (youth area ideas)
- City Web Site Tips

Presence in the Community

- Meetings televised (as a result of making the request to City Council)
- Marched in Troy Daze Parade
- Volunteered at Troy Daze Welcome Booth
- Attended opening of Teen Resource Center at Library
- Attended Festival of the Arts Ceremony (Grant) at Library
- Attended City Council Meeting re: Televising Meetings
- Posters on display at City Hall and Community Center
- TYC appeared in several newspaper articles
- Assembled charity holiday boxes of groceries for a needy family
- Designed & adopted a logo (featured in t-shirts, agendas, etc.)
- Four members attended 2003 MI Youth Symposium in Dearborn

Advised on Areas of City Government/Involved in City Government

- A TYC Member serves on the Civic Center Priority Task Force
- TYC as a whole provided input to CCPTF report

- Went on tour of new Police Department and learned about Police Operations
- Four members served on the Cool Cities Initiative Advisory Group; all discussed resulting report
- Provided input on:
 - Library Teen Section
 - Community Center Teen Room
 - Aquatic Center Advertising
 - Troy Daze Festival (Ethni-City Event and reps attended monthly meetings)
 - City Web Site

Note City Council Goals and Objectives: TYC Members were given copies of these

Brainstorm 2004 Objectives and Tasks:

- Internship (unpaid or paid) for high school students in the business community: Fitzpatrick to inquire with Chamber of Commerce – many students will work for free to gain experience
- Voter registration awareness: Get TYC issues to 18-year olds
- Have a joint meeting with City Council
- Civic Center Site Issues: Continued involvement with issues; advise as to youth relevance as need arises
- School newspaper publicity: this is an old idea that never developed; Fitzpatrick to create a fact sheet/article template for TYC members to distribute to school newspaper writers.
- New poster to display in City Buildings and possibly at schools
- Repeat: Troy Daze Parade and Holiday Charity Basket
- City Politics Awareness – have a TYC member be a liaison of sorts to City Council, keeping up on the issues
- Gregory suggests more discussion outside of meetings may be valuable – an electronic discussion board?
- New members – selection process – TYC wants more input re: who is recommended
 - A diverse selection of members – especially age diversity (so a large group does not graduate at one time) and diversity of opinions.
 - Form a selection committee that will review anonymous essays and applications
 - Details for selection of new members to be solidified this winter/spring
- Size of TYC is still a concern – A 16-member board is still too big to be effective. 4 members will graduate this year. The largest board/committee in the City has 13 members, with the average number of members being 7. (TYC not included in average.)

Resolution # TY-2003-12- 016

Moved by Gregory

Seconded by Cheng

RESOLVED, That the Troy Youth Council hereby amends its bylaws, reducing its membership from sixteen members to thirteen members effective August 2004. This reduction will happen through attrition when four members graduate in Summer 2004.

Yes: All – 12

No: None

Absent: D'Amico, Deng, Krokosky, Vennettilli

MOTION CARRIED

Reminder Next Meeting: **1/21/04 7:00 P.M.**
Location: **TBA, probably Community Center**

The meeting adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

Eric Gregory, Co-chair

Laura Fitzpatrick, Assistant to the City Manager